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Title : Need to telecast State award winning feature films on DD National.

SHRI M. SHIVANNA (CHAMRAJANAGAR) : Mr. Chairman Sir, I would like draw your kind attention to a big problem of our country which needs the kindhelp of the Government of India. Before the year 2003 there was a provision to telecast those regional films of various languages of all states. Which have been given two state awards. This was on National Channel of Doordarsan. This rule was there for the last 40 years. People of the entire country were viewing cenemas of all languages spoken in our country. They had subtitling in English or Hindi or the local language.

Due to this procedure the "unity among diversity" was given a big boost in our country. The total Nation was able to know the culture of each & every state. The entire country had the opportunity to see all language films. Now, unfortunately "Prasar Bharati" took a decision in the year 2003 to telecast the regional films which have been honoured with National Award. This decision has deprived majority of states to get a chance to telecast their regional awards wining films on Doordarsan National Channel, because films of some states will never get a National Award. Some of the regional films may get National Award once in 50 years. I therefore, request the Union Government to spend few minutes of their valuable time to think about this cultural crisis which can be solved very easily if the previous rule (before 2003) remains unchanged by "Prasar Bharati".

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* English translation of the speech originally delivered in Kannada

I hope and trust that the Centre would take immediate steps in this regard and issue orders to Prasar Bharati to retain the same rule which was in vogue before 2003. This will enable the people of the entire nation to understand, the culture, language and other salient features of all state languages of our vast and rich country.

Sir, with these words I thank you and conclude my speech.